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haviour is seen by all. But even human coitus is not altogether hidden from view, largely because of the sleeping arrangements. The Badaga house has at most three rooms, but when it is occupied by a joint family children usually find themselves sleeping with married relatives in one or the other of these rooms. It is thus a commonplace to see dimly one's parents or married siblings engaging in sexual activity. Couples of any age are normally very embarrassed if they think they are being watched, and normally stop what they are doing if they suspect anyone else is aware of it. If sharing the bed with children a couple will have intercourse while lying on their sides so as to be less visible and turbulent. Yet in practice anyone who wants to watch his relatives in coitus has simply to pretend to be asleep.

Sexual relations are not confined to the home. Indeed, lovers and adulterers have to manage as comfortably as they can in the bush; and here too they may be followed and spied upon by children. Parties of boys sometimes prowl around a village late at night, especially while a festival is distracting most of the adults, to find out who is staying at home for sexual purposes. Girls are normally uninterested in watching people have coitus although they have probably all witnessed the act at one time or another, I was told.

3.4. Sexual experimentation in Badaga society runs the gamut from heterosexual relations with a lover or spouse to homosexuality, masturbation and bestiality. We will consider the non-reproductive forms of behaviour first.

Masturbation is common in both sexes. Small girls may sometimes be seen doing it in public. It is said that adolescent girls masturbate by inserting an egg-plant fruit in the vagina, but while hospitals get cases proving that this does occur it cannot be a common practice, for any girl wanting some sexual experience can easily find a willing young man, especially in those villages which still lack street lighting. Adolescent boys and some adult men masturbate, and small boys may occasionally be seen doing it too.

Homosexual relations occur between young men and boys. Even older men sleeping with boys sometimes satisfy themselves between the boys' thighs. The men presume that lesbian relations also occur, but their only evidence for this is that a few adolescent girls show an abnormally rapid growth of the breasts, thought to be the result of a lesbian's manipulations. (The word *peggusi* can mean either a male or a female homosexual.)